

No Change Has Been Made in Ball, Says Ban Johnson---Other Sports

YES, MANAGER STOVALL KEEPS BUSY WHEN NAPS ARE AT BAT



BAN JOHNSON SAYS LIVELY BALL IS STILL IN USE

Head of American League Also Predicts John I. Taylor Will Hold On to Boston Club—Praises Local Plant.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

If the lively ball has been deadened, as is generally supposed by the players, President Ban Johnson has no knowledge of the fact. The head of the American League, who is spending a few days in the city in conference with the owners of the local club, said this morning that he had never been notified that the lively ball had been eliminated, nor had he any reason to think so by a perusal of the scores in which he sees little change now, compared to what they were earlier in the season.

"If there has been any falling off in the hitting," said he, "it is because the pitchers are doing better work now than they were. Few pitchers were in form early in the season for some reason or other. I did take up the matter of deadening the ball with the manufacturers early in the season, but I heard nothing from them, and I doubt very much if any change has been made in it."

President Johnson was asked if there were any developments in the proposed sale of the Boston club, and he replied: "It is my opinion that John I. Taylor will hold on to the Boston club. That is how matters look now."

President Johnson further stated that work on the new grounds in Detroit and New York would be begun this fall. He was not certain whether Boston would build this fall or not. The head of the American League visited the local park yesterday and was astonished by the progress that had been made in the country when the work is completed," he said. "It is a beauty now and far exceeds my expectations. By next year the local plant will compare favorably with any I have ever seen."

Mr. Johnson expects to leave here tonight or tomorrow morning for his headquarters in Chicago.

Anxious to make it three straight from Cleveland, Jim McAleer has decided to pitch Walter Johnson this afternoon. He had intended to give Buck Becker, a chance today, but the debut in fast company of the local southpaw will be postponed until tomorrow. Becker is ready and anxious to work, for he believes that he is in his best form now and that he can prove his ability to make good if given the chance.

On the new field at National Park it is possible to make clean home runs in either left or center field. This condition has never existed here before and it adds

much to the game. Any time the ball gets past either the left or center fielder it will come pretty near netting the batter a circuit cut. The grounds are already very hard, and he ball, if it has any speed at all, will roll to the fence, which is sufficiently far away to allow even an ordinary runner to circle the bases.

When all the American League teams get their crimples back into the line-up the race is likely to be much hotter and closer than it is today. Sel-dom has every team been hit by injuries and sickness as has been the case this season.

Detroit has been running along well to date, but has felt the absence of its hard-hitting first baseman, Gain-or. This stellar player was one of the leading swatters of the Tigers, and his absence has been felt, even though Delehanty has been playing a first-class game at the initial sack. The team will gain greatly in offensive work when Gain-or is back on the job for good.

Cleveland has been without the services of its grand player, Larry Lajoie, who got back in the game here Saturday. Without him the Naps are not the same. His hitting is equal to that of any other infielder in the business. His batting needs no comment. When he is back at the job Cleveland will be a much more formidable aggregation than it has been in the past few weeks.

They had hard luck down at Philadelphia when the world champions had both Barry and Collins out of the line-up at the same time. In fact, they were so crippled that the White Sox cleaned up the whole series on them when they invaded the Windy City.

Chicago has also had its tough going. At present the Sox are without the aid of the new star in the shortstop field, Corbin. When Ford beamed this recapitulated the White Sox cleaned up the whole series on them when they invaded the Windy City.

Even Collins, the new first baseman, has been out of it several times this season. If anything happened to the Sox outfield one shudders to think where Chicago would land.

Then the Yankees, with Hal Chase, sterling hitter, first baseman and leader, out of the game for a considerable period—this had an ill effect on the team. In fact, the Yankees have scarcely recovered from the disaster to date. They are, however, going along better now.

Washington lost heavily in the sickness which overtook Walter Johnson, its best pitcher, and injuries to Street and Al-smith.

Purtell has been the ill member of the

Boston Red Sox and Wagner, the corking shortstop, also was out of it a good long time. Bill Purtell had been expected to cut up all sorts of capers around third base, but the Red Sox have had to be content with using another man there. In fact, they are so hard pressed, John I. Taylor is scurrying around for another third sacker. In the swap last season Chicago seems to have gotten the better of it, as the Sox are playing Lord at third regularly, while Pitcher Smith, who went to Boston in the deal, is no longer with the team and Purtell is practically out of it.

James, a young pitcher, secured by Cleveland from Toledo a few weeks ago, who has made an excellent showing since he broke into fast company, will be pitched against the Nationals today. In the opinion of many critics who have seen James work he has the making of one of the best twirlers in the league. All he apparently needs is experience.

Manager McAleer did not know this morning whether he would play Ray Morgan or not. He intends to look the youngster over in practice, and will then make up his mind whether to shove him into the game or not. If he is played it will be most likely at second base, a position which, while new to him, having played short for Danville, he will be able to fit into easily.

STILL AFTER BOSTON CLUB.

Jack Gleason Meets President Russell in Conference Today.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Jack Gleason of San Francisco, who has an option on the majority stock of the Boston National base ball club, will hold another conference in this city late today with W. Hepburn Russell, the president of the club, in relation to the deal. Gleason's option expired last Thursday, but at his request it was extended until August 1.

It was understood that Gleason intends to buy about one-third of Mr. Russell's holdings, with the privilege of taking over the club when Mr. Russell decides to retire from the game. President Russell is very enthusiastic about base ball at present and states that he intends to keep his control of the club permanently.

The Boston club is negotiating with Pittsburgh for the purchase or trade of some players, and a deal is looked for between the clubs this week.

FAITH IN ATHLETICS HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED

Team Seems Certain to Regain Lead in Pennant Race Again.

MAY PASS TIGERS, BY VICTORY TODAY

Mack's Men Undoubtedly Have Best Chance to Win Flag—Attendance Is Astounding.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—The loyal faith reposed in the world's champion Athletics has been justified. Two weeks ago to the day the Detroit team was playing at its top form and leading the Mack aggregation by sixty-six points, a margin sufficiently wide to cause many Athletic supporters to feel that the task set before the champions was well-nigh impossible. While no one doubted the ability of the Athletics, still the remarkable winning career of the Jennings Tigers strongly supported the argument that Detroit would sustain its victorious form and thereby render the White Elephants' task of overtaking them highly improbable. But events have changed the situation. Pessimists have been converted into optimists. In one week the Athletics reduced Detroit's lead to forty-three points, and in the two weeks intervening from the time when it seemed that the Tigers were gradually and surely creeping beyond a point where they could not be overhauled, the Athletics have placed the gap between them and leadership to four points. The goal of the Mackies may be attained today. Should the Athletics win today's game they will displace Detroit in first place and thus regain the position they temporarily seized July 4. Since returning home from their western trip the Athletics have played seven games, four with Cleveland and three with Detroit. Of these contests the champions have won six, three from the Naps and a similar number from the Tigers. It seems that the Athletics have about struck their normal stride. The pitchers, lacking in condition on the western tour, have done excellent work since returning home, and it only remains for them to do their duty for the team to take first place and occupy it against all competition.

Team Is Popular.

The wonderful popularity of the Athletics, and incidentally the attractive magnet of the Detroit aggregation, was forcibly demonstrated last week when the double-header between the two teams drew a record crowd at Shibe Park. When President Shibe approved the plans for the massive structure that bears his name he thought that he had provided for adequate accommodation for the base ball public of this city. Friday's unprecedented throng proved that his estimate of no ball park in America has been made equal to the demands of the public. The accommodations at Shibe Park are equal to any in the country at present, although it is said that the remodeled Polo Grounds when finished will hold the largest base ball crowd in the world. Just what the size of the crowd at Friday's games would have been cannot be accurately stated, but it is estimated that the number that failed to gain admittance to the park it is reasonable to assert that approximate figures would bring the number of persons who traveled to Shibe Park Friday to 40,000. There is little doubt that thousands made no attempt to attend the game, but they were so determined that they believed that it would be impossible to get in. Considering the number present, those who failed to get in gained admittance to a conservative statement to assert that more than 50,000 persons would have attended the game if all Friday's seats had been available. In the country increases in proportion to the great increase in the attendance at the games. The popularity of the game has been increased by the persistence with which he repeated the sentence, that "base ball is only in its infancy."

PHILLIES BEAT THE CUBS.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Philadelphia handed Chicago its second defeat of the series yesterday, 2 to 1. The Athletics were the master of the locals in all but one inning, when a double, wild pitch and a single netted one run. The visitors got their first tally on a base on balls, an error and a double. The winning run was made when Knabe doubled and scored on Lobert's single. Moore retired to allow Titus to bat for him, and Alexander was invincible in the two innings he relieved Moore.

The features of the game were the fast double plays of the visitors and Paskert's great catch of Tinker's long fly. A large crowd was present and ground rules were necessary.

PHILADELPHIA..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-21 1

CHICAGO..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-4 1

Two Bumps for Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 31.—Brooklyn defeated Cincinnati yesterday in both games of a double-header, the first 5 to 4 and the second 4 to 2.

In the first game Scanlon, who relieved Knetzer, was effective with men on bases, while Suggs was hit lightly.

In the second game Brooklyn bunched hits with Severoid's costly error in the eighth and scored all of its runs. Wheat's timely batting and great fielding featured.

Score:

Brooklyn..... 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 1-5 8 3

Cincinnati..... 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0-4 12 3

Brooklyn..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0-7 2 0

Cincinnati..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 10 1

St. Louis Is Smothered.

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—New York batted the ball to all corners of the field and shut out St. Louis again yesterday, 6 to 0. Whitte gave two hits, and no local player reached first base after the first inning. Score:

New York..... 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 0-6 14 0

St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 2 2

GRAND CIRCUIT TROTTING.

Detroit Meeting Starts Today With Classy List of Horses.

DETROIT, Mich., July 31.—An excellent card is presented by the Detroit Driving Club for the opening this afternoon of the Grand Circuit five-day race meeting at the state fair grounds. While interest naturally centers in the classic Chamber of Commerce five-thousand-dollar stake for 218 class pacers, the other events on the program bring together some of the best known horses of the light harness world.

Eight starters, all but one of which, Birnie, have already been seen in action on the Grand Circuit this year, are in the big race. On the strength of his performances at Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Branham Baughman holds first place in popular favor, but he has a strong rival in Vernon McKimney, whom he was beaten in the first two heats of their Grand Rapids clash. Other entries for the prize are Akar, the tiers entry, Fanny Stanton, Peter Preston, Peter the Second and Sir R.

The 218 trot, which opens the meeting, has fourteen starters, including the two Geers M. & M. candidates, Gordon Todd and Lady Willow.

Dub Arnold, last year's M. & M. winner, meets Grace, Billy Burke, Soprano, Nancy Royce, Spanish Queen and Sterling McKimney in the 229 foot, while Hal B., Jr., the sensational Canadian stallion, and seven other good performers face the starter in the 208 pack.

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HOODOO FOLLOWS CAPTAINS OF DETROIT'S BALL TEAM

Moriarty Appears to Be Last Victim—Coughlin, Schaefer and Lowe Are Others Whose Careers Ended in Position.

DETROIT, July 31.—And now the hoodoo has settled on George Moriarty.

The playing "Jinx" that has fastened itself to the captains of the Detroit teams for several years is back, and Moriarty, the last appointed captain of the Tigers, is a victim to it.

It has so happened that every man appointed captain of the Detroit team has fallen into a slump while he held the title and could not extricate himself.

There was Bob Lowe, one of the best infielders of his day. His sterling playing qualities and the friendship that all players had for him, together with his knowledge of base ball, brought him the appointment of captain. Bob got into a slump and Bob did not get out of it. His playing days are over; he is scouting for the Detroit club.

Then Bill Coughlin, whom everybody liked and who could play ball as well as the majority of them and think faster than most of them, got the appointment. Bill's playing state, in the grade, Bill hit his finger nails, tore out his black wavy hair in bunches, lost sleep, and worried several pounds off his system, but still never got back to form. He's managing a club in Pennsylvania now.

With Bill Coughlin going to the minors, the appointment of captain fell to Moriarty to play third base for the Tigers. The first year that Moriarty was here he saw Herman Schaefer made captain of the club. Herman with his ever penetrating optimism, humor and base ball wisdom. He was the right man in the right place as captain. But what happened to Lowe and Coughlin also happened to Moriarty. Herman's playing ability decreased to such an extent that Detroit gladly grasped at the opportunity to trade Moriarty with "Red" Killefer to Washington for Jim Delahanty.

Hoodoo Is Cheated.

The Schaefer rise to captaincy and decline as a player happened year before last. The hoodoo loosed last year. Jennings did not appoint a captain. Jennings felt that the same line of disaster that had struck Lowe, Coughlin and Schaefer was to be played over the Apawamis course here beginning September 17.

The following notice has been sent to all clubs for posting:

"At the last amateur championship of the United States Golf Association the number of contestants was 118. Many entered for the mere pleasure of playing over the country club course. By reason of the unprecedented number of players it was impossible for many to complete the eighteen-hole qualifying round on the first day. Even the champion was thus crowded out."

"The association welcomes to the contest any player who has a chance to qualify, but desires to avoid uncomfortable congestion of the course. To that end the committee asks that in consideration of the best interests of the game and the success of the tournament, no one should enter who has not a reasonable chance of qualifying and that it is inconsistent with the spirit of the game to be played for the mere pleasure of playing over the course."

Some Trouble Out West.

CHICAGO, July 31.—One of the developments of the Western Golf Association tournament at Detroit, Mich., last week, according to Chicago players who have returned home, was a move unofficially started for the abolishment of the stymies. The argument against stymies was that the success of the tournament was due to the mere pleasure of playing over the country club course. By reason of the unprecedented number of players it was impossible for many to complete the eighteen-hole qualifying round on the first day. Even the champion was thus crowded out."

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Philadelphia.....	60	32	.652	656 646
Chicago.....	47	43	.522	527 516
New York.....	48	45	.516	521 511
Boston.....	48	46	.511	516 505
Cleveland.....	48	49	.495	500 490
Washington.....	33	60	.353	362 351
St. Louis.....	27	65	.293	301 290

Yesterday's Results.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	No games scheduled.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Brooklyn.....	3 Brooklyn..... 4
Chicago.....	4 Cincinnati..... 0
Philadelphia.....	2 New York..... 0
St. Louis.....	1 St. Louis..... 0

Schedules.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	TOMORROW.
Cleveland at Wash'ton.	Cleveland at Wash'ton.
Detroit at Philadelphia.	Detroit at Philadelphia.
Chicago at New York.	Chicago at New York.
St. Louis at Boston.	St. Louis at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Philadelphia at Chicago.	Philadelphia at Chicago.
New York at St. Louis.	New York at St. Louis.
Boston at Pittsburgh.	Boston at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.	Brooklyn at Cincinnati.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.	
At Kansas City—Kansas City, 4; Indianapolis, 1.	
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 7; Toledo, 6.	
At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 6; Louisville, 0.	
At St. Paul—St. Paul, 3; Columbus, 3.	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At New Orleans—First game: Chattanooga, 2; New Orleans, 1. Second game: New Orleans, 4; Chattanooga, 1.	
At Montgomery—Montgomery, 4; Nashville, 0.	
At Mobile—Atlanta, 3; Mobile, 1.	
At Memphis—Memphis, 1; Birmingham, 0.	

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

At Jacksonville—Jacksonville, 0; Savannah, 0.	
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NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE.

At Syracuse—Syracuse, 7; Syracuse, 2.	
At Utica—Utica, 4; Utica, 1.	
At Albany—First game: Utica, 6; Binghamton, 2. Second game: Utica, 6; Binghamton, 1.	
At Albany—First game: Albany, 1; Wilkes-Barre, 0. Second game: Albany, 1; Wilkes-Barre, 0.	

WESTERN LEAGUE.

At Omaha—Omaha, 6; Des Moines, 2.	
At Sioux City—First game: Sioux City, 7; St. Joseph, 14. Second game: Sioux City, 9; St. Joseph, 6.	
At Topeka—Topeka, 4; Topeka, 3.	
At Pueblo—Denver, 8; Pueblo, 7.	

TEXAS LEAGUE.

At Dallas—Dallas, 1; Dallas, 0.	
At Fort Worth—Fort Worth, 1; Fort Worth, 0.	
At El Paso—El Paso, 1; El Paso, 0.	
At San Antonio—San Antonio, 1; San Antonio, 0.	

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